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Seeds, Plants and Bulbs for Autumn Planting and a few horticultural notes from the garden of

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SEED SUGGESTIONS

If you have never grown any plants from seed, you have not yet attained maturity as a gardener. Besides, you have missed a lot of gardening excitement. Iris, for instance. 1937 seeds, 15c a packet, except where otherwise noted.

Seeds for a woodland garden or shade: Columbines (below) Trillium ovatum, Corydalis sempervirens, Primroses, mixed polyantha strain, Tellima graniflora, Erythronium, mixed.

Seeds of Bulb Plants: White scilla, Camassia leichtlinii, Camassia Giant White, Allium narcissiflorum, Fritillaria lanceolata, Brodiaea bicolor, B. bridgesii, B. pulchella, Erythronium oregonum, E. johnsoni, E. (species unknown, red anthers), 25c, Zigadenus venenosus.

Seeds for a Rock Garden: Armeria cespitosa, A. Maritima, Mixed rock pinks, Delphinium grandiflorum nanum, Dicentra oregona, Monardella villosa, Leptotaenia purpurea (pink parsley), Silene hookeri, Dryas octopetala.

Oregon Wild Iris seeds: Douglasiana, gormani, missouriensis, innominata, yellow or blue, 25c; tenax, tenuis, 25c; also I. fulva and sibirica.

Seeds of Rock Spur Favorites, 10c a packet: Mixed Candytuft, lavender to pink shades; Iceland poppies, Mixed columbines, Rosemary, Sweet brier rose, Sweet Williams, Love in a Mist, California poppy, mixed.

Columbines are attractive flowers for shade or part sun. In the short spurred types like formosa, can plainly be seen the five fluttering doves that give this flower its name (columba, a dove.) Alpina, blue or blue and white; flabellata nana, white and dwarf; longissima, very long spurs, yellow; formosa, scarlet and yellow, from Oregon woods; chrysantha, yellow, from the Arizona mountains, all 15c.

BULB SUGGESTIONS

I do not raise large daffodils, but can get you an excellent mixture for naturalizing for \$5 a hundred, from a reliable grower. Please order these or Little Daffodils by October 1, as we replant then.

Little Daffodils: Narcissus bulbocodium citrinus, 15c; N. bulb, conspicuus, 10c; N. bulb. monophyllus, 20c; N. minor, 50c; M. nanus, 35c; N. triandrus albus, 25c; Pseudo-narcissus moschatus, (not more than 3 to a customer), 40c each; N. Canalicul atus, 25c; N. juncifolius, 30c; N. jonquilla simplex, 10c.

Taking off the Latin masks, bulbocodiums are the hoop petticoat daffodils, minor and nanus are small editions of big trumpet daffodils, triandrus the Angel's Tears daffodil, moschatus a white sunbonnet baby, canaliculatus like a tiny Chinese lily.

Autumn planting is best for lilies.

Answering a customer's query: Jonquils are narcissi with round leaves like rushes, not flat like daffodils, and shallow cups, not trumpet flowers. Jonquilla and juncifolius are of this type.

I often visit with delight a garden where lilies, familiar and rare, grow under ideal conditions. Visit it yourself by sending for the catalogue. It gives good descriptions and cultural advice, and the collections listed are alluring; an All-Season, a Native American, and a fine Rock Garden, one that tempts me with 4 each of 3 varieties, \$2.50. Write Edgar L. Kline, Kilkare, Rt. 1, Oswego, Oregon.

THREE NOVELTIES

that might win you a blue ribbon in next spring's show

N. scaberulus is the tiniest and rarest of all miniature daffodils, found only in one small valley in Portugal. These bloomed well here last spring; the cheerful little jonquil flower is only ½ inch in diameter. Only a few to sell, at \$3.00 each, and I believe I have all there are in the U. S.

N. watieri is very little known as yet. It hails from the Atlas Mountains in Africa, and is an exquisite white starry flower with a shallow scalloped cup, or rather saucer, and gray-green foliage. Eight inches high, graceful and charming, \$2 a bulb, and better speak quickly.

N. juncifolius rupicola, a fine variety of the commoner juncifolius, with attractive bright yellow flower and flaring cup. Only a few of these, \$1.00 each.

I could not do without Narcissus Orange Queen; its fragrance, comparatively small size and rich color commend it for places in the rock garden as well as for border or cutting use; 15c.

If you plant Little Daffodils, here are good companions for them: Iris reticulata, dwarf and royal purple, 20c each; Hyacinthus azureus, tiny and sky blue, 70c a dozen; Scilla sibirica, deep blue, 50c a dozen.

Please Read: All bulbs and seeds are sent postpaid, IF the order is accompanied by cash. Otherwise I send them by express, C. O. D. For plants, please add 10% to help with postage and packing cost. 12 bulbs at the price of 11, when no dozen price is given.

Other Small Bulbs: Brodiaea pulchella, 5c; Camassia, 8c; Eranthis hyemalis, 5c; Erythronium oregonum, 10c; Fritillaria lanceolata, 10c; Leucojum aestivum, 8c; Muscari, Heavenly Blue, 30c a doz.; Scilla campanulata alba, 30c a doz.

PLANT SUGGESTIONS

I do not collect wild plants for sale. All plants and bulbs are garden grown.

Oregon Wild Irises. Tenax, 25c; douglasiana, 25c; chrysophylla, 35c; missouriensis, 25c; bracteata, 50c; innominata, yellow and orange shades, \$1; lavender, 75c; tenuis, 35c.

Also Iris fulva, 50c; wilsoni, \$1; siberica, good blue, 25c.

Oregon Pentstemons. For rock garden, rupicola, 35c; cardwellii, 25c; barettae, 35c; corymbosus, 35c. For wild garden or border, ovatus, diffusus, 25c.

For sunny dry spots in rock garden, try Inula ensifolia, 25c.

For shady places try Corydalis sempervirens, 25c.

Footnote for Epicures

Marion Hardy has finished the delectable wild blackberry jam and is now working with big, fat, black huckleberries from the Cascade Mountains. These jams will be listed in my catalogue of Oregon Holly and Christmas Delicacies. Shall I send you one?

References: U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon



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